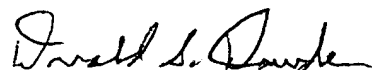


**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment has been prepared to reduce the filing fee and conform to US practice. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald S. Dowden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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